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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a three (3) month extension of time, extending the period for response to June 30, 2006 from the Office Action dated December 30, 2005. A response to the Office Action and the Petition filing fee of \$1020.00 are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

Respectfully submitted,
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